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Dear Subscriber:

As we move forward into the new year, I would like to thank all the producers and businesses who responded to our many surveys in 2004. Your continued cooperation makes these reports possible. Thanks also to the county extension educators and Farm Service Agency county directors who faithfully provide crop-weather information weekly.

Larry Gabriel, South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture, and his staff are recognized for their support and assistance with our statistics program throughout the year. In addition, we appreciate the continued support we receive from Dean Cholick and the staff at South Dakota State University.

The rapid changes occurring in agriculture today have increased the demand for more agricultural statistics. With your help we will continue to strive to fulfill our mission of **"providing timely, accurate, and useful statistics in service to South Dakota agriculture."** We receive requests for current and historical statistics about agriculture on a daily basis. Please continue to contact us with your data needs.

A special thanks goes to our enumerator staff who collect the survey information and our office staff who prepare the publications. It is their dedication that provides South Dakota's number one industry, agriculture, with high quality statistics.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

  
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## NOVEMBER CATTLE ON FEED

**SOUTH DAKOTA:** South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 169,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on November 1. The November 1 number is down 8,000 head from one year ago but up 26,000 head from October. **Placements** during October totaled 65,000 head, down 3,000 head from last year but up 24,000 head from September. **Marketings of fed cattle** during October totaled 38,000 head, up 4,000 head from last year and up 3,000 head from September. **Other disappearance** during October totaled 1,000 head, down 1,000 head from one year ago but unchanged from September 2004.

**UNITED STATES:** **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots

with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on November 1, 2004. The inventory was 3 percent above November 1, 2003. **Placements** in feedlots during October totaled 2.70 million, 3 percent below 2003. This is the second lowest placements for the month of October since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 2.64 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 912,000, 600-699 pounds were 764,000, 700-799 pounds were 529,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 496,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during October totaled 1.80 million, 3 percent below 2003. **Other disappearance** totaled 66,000 during October, 35 percent below 2003.

### CATTLE ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS), SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, NOVEMBER 1, 2003 & 2004

Item	South Dakota			United States		
	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
	- - 1,000 Head - -		Percent	- - 1,000 Head - -		Percent
On feed, October 1	145	143	99	10,218	*10,497	103
Placed on feed during October	68	65	96	2,781	2,701	97
Fed cattle marketed during October	34	38	112	1,855	1,798	97
Other disappearance during October 1/	2	1	50	101	66	65
On feed, November 1	177	169	95	11,043	11,334	103

1/ Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. \* Revised.

## DECEMBER CATTLE ON FEED

**SOUTH DAKOTA:** South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 186,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on December 1. The December 1 number is down 14,000 head from last year but up 17,000 head from November. **Placements** during November totaled 51,000 head, down 3,000 head from last year and down 14,000 head from October. **Marketings of fed cattle** during November totaled 33,000 head, up 3,000 head from last year but down 5,000 head from October. **Other disappearance** during November totaled 1,000, unchanged from a year ago and last month.

**UNITED STATES:** **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000

or more head totaled 11.3 million head on December 1, 2004. The inventory was slightly above December 1, 2003. **Placements** in feedlots during November totaled 1.74 million, 10 percent below 2003 and 12 percent below 2002. This is the lowest placements for the month of November since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.64 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 590,000, 600-699 pounds were 557,000, 700-799 pounds were 326,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 270,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during November totaled 1.63 million, 6 percent above 2003. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of November since the series began in 1996. **Other disappearance** totaled 108,000 during November, 11 percent above 2003.

### CATTLE ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS), SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, DECEMBER 1, 2003 & 2004

Item	South Dakota			United States		
	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
	- - 1,000 Head - -		Percent	- - 1,000 Head - -		Percent
On feed, November 1	177	169	95	11,043	11,334	103
Placed on feed during November	54	51	94	1,926	1,743	90
Fed cattle marketed during November	30	33	110	1,537	1,625	106
Other disappearance during November 1/	1	1	100	97	108	111
On feed, December 1	200	186	93	11,335	11,344	100

## PRICES

### UNITED STATES PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 114, based on 1990-92=100, is 1 point above October. The Crop Index remained unchanged from October while the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.9 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for tomatoes, eggs, hogs, strawberries, and grapes. Lower prices were received for lettuce, oranges, soybeans, corn, and cattle. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of dairy, cattle, and cotton offset decreased marketings of soybeans, peanuts, and potatoes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 2 points (1.7 percent) from November 2003. The Food Commodities Index increased 3 points (2.6 percent) from last month to 120. The index is unchanged from November 2003.

### TRENDS AFFECTING AGRICULTURE

Index	United States		
	Nov. 2003	Oct. 2004	Nov. 2004
Prices Received Indexes	(1990-92=100%)		
All farm products	% 116	113	* 114
All crops	% 115	110	* 110
Food grains	% 116	114	* 116
Feed grains & hay	% 99	96	* 90
Oil bearing crops	% 122	97	* 96
All livestock & products	% 117	117	118
Meat animals	% 116	118	117
Dairy products	% 110	119	121
Poultry & eggs	% 124	115	118
Prices Paid Index	% 129	135	* 134
Ratio 1/	% 90	84	85
Crop Sector	% 131	138	* 138
Livestock Sector	% 127	131	129

\*Revised. 1/ (Received Index/Paid Index)

### PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR COMMODITIES SOLD

Commodity and Unit		South Dakota			United States			
		Nov. 2003 1/	Oct. 2004 1/	Nov. 2004 2/	Nov. 2003 1/	Oct. 2004 1/	Nov. 2004 2/	Parity Price Nov. 2004
Dollars								
All Wheat	Bu.	3.44	3.45	3.59	3.61	3.44	3.51	10.10
Winter	Bu.	3.35	3.12	3.29	3.56	3.34	3.39	--
Durum	Bu.	5/	5/	5/	3.95	3.89	3.75	--
Other spring	Bu.	3.64	3.60	3.73	3.68	3.51	3.62	--
Corn	Bu.	2.02	1.97	1.89	2.20	2.15	2.00	6.77
Oats	Bu.	1.27	1.44	1.42	1.29	1.45	1.36	3.94
Soybeans	Bu.	6.95	5.32	4.90	7.05	5.56	5.31	15.90
All Barley	Bu.	2.37	1.33	5/	2.83	2.29	2.42	6.71
Feed	Bu.	5/	1.33	5/	2.43	1.57	1.75	--
Malt	Bu.	2.37	5/	5/	3.03	2.74	2.78	--
Sunflower	Cwt.	10.50	11.60	12.30	11.50	12.40	13.20	--
Flaxseed	Bu.	5.86	7.92	5/	6.02	7.36	8.80	13.00
Sorghum	Cwt.	5/	5/	5/	4.13	3.15	3.07	11.00
All Hay	Ton	61.00	63.00	63.00	81.50	89.80	86.20	--
Alfalfa	Ton	64.00	67.00	68.00	86.80	97.80	94.00	--
Other	Ton	50.00	51.00	49.00	67.50	68.60	67.80	--
Milk, wholesale	Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	14.40	15.50	15.80	35.20
Eggs, market	Doz.	3/	3/	3/	0.925	0.303	0.436	1.69
Cattle 4/	Cwt.	92.60	103.00	94.10	93.40	86.10	84.20	170.00
Steers & heifers	Cwt.	102.00	109.00	104.00	99.90	91.00	89.10	--
Cows	Cwt.	49.60	52.00	48.90	47.70	49.90	48.60	--
Calves	Cwt.	115.00	130.00	130.00	111.00	126.00	124.00	228.00
All hogs	Cwt.	36.30	52.60	57.20	34.70	52.10	55.30	105.00
Barrows & gilts	Cwt.	37.40	54.00	59.00	34.90	52.60	55.80	--
Sows	Cwt.	29.00	42.60	45.00	29.10	42.40	44.50	--
Sheep	Cwt.	47.00	42.10	5/	40.50	40.70	5/	83.90
Lambs	Cwt.	119.00	115.00	5/	99.70	98.20	5/	202.00

1/ Full month except hay which is mid-month. 2/ Mid-month. 3/ Annual average price only. 4/ "Cows" and "Steers & Heifers" combined. 5/ No price available.

#### COMING UP IN THE NEXT CROP REPORTER:

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## COLD STORAGE

### STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, UNITED STATES

Commodity	Oct. 31, 2003	Sept. 30, 2004	Oct. 31, 2004	Oct. 2004 as % of	
				Oct. 2003	Sept. 2004
	- - - - - Thousand Pounds - - - - -			- - - - - Percent - - - - -	
Butter	170,154	133,008	104,673	62	79
Cheese, total natural	722,406	790,717	752,529	104	95
Eggs, frozen	16,854	18,720	17,970	107	96
Fruits, frozen	1,182,310	1,017,123	1,169,580	99	115
Fruit juices, frozen	1,643,087	2,011,756	1,920,099	117	95
Meat, total red	836,916	894,397	917,817	110	103
Beef, total frozen	375,171	457,244	459,023	122	100
Pork, total frozen	446,843	422,116	445,212	100	105
Poultry, total frozen	1,186,037	1,306,180	1,291,446	109	99
Chicken	600,664	777,874	800,245	133	103
Turkey	582,683	527,388	490,375	84	93
Vegetables, total frozen	2,557,364	2,442,568	2,574,129	101	105
Potatoes, total frozen	1,247,982	1,178,746	1,276,881	102	108

Data are collected from warehouses artificially cooled to a temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, and whose food products are normally stored for 30 days or more. All food items in these facilities are reported regardless of the number of days stored at the time of the report. Also included are specialized storage facilities meeting the 30 day requirement, such as fruit houses, dairy manufacturing plants, frozen fruit, fruit juice, and vegetable processors, and poultry and meat packing plants. Excluded are stocks in space maintained by wholesalers, jobbers, distributors, chain stores, locker plants containing individual lockers, meat packer branch houses, and frozen food processors whose entire inventories are turned over more than once a month.

## SLAUGHTER

### COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, RED MEAT PRODUCTION, SOUTH DAKOTA AND UNITED STATES 1/

Kind	Unit	Slaughter			Oct. 2004 as % of		January-October 2/		
		Oct. 2003	Sep. 2004	Oct. 2004	Oct. 2003	Sep. 2004	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
		- - Percent - -					Million Pounds Liveweight		Percent
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>									
Cattle	1,000 Head	4/	4/	4/	NA	NA	4/	4/	NA
Hogs	1,000 Head	418.7	417.6	456.9	109	109	977.0	981.2	100
Sheep	1,000 Head	1.0	0.4	1.2	120	300	1.394	1.161	83
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	88.8	86.7	94.2	106	109	802.9	794.0	99
<b>UNITED STATES</b>									
Cattle	1,000 Head	3,009.5	2,735.5	2,745.7	91	100	37,365.5	33,941.3	91
Hogs	1,000 Head	9,649.2	8,998.3 *	8,970.2	93	100	22,036.7	22,647.9	103
Sheep	1,000 Head	265.1	243.7 *	241.4	91	99	330.1	319.3	97
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	4,158.3	3,905.3	3,921.2	94	100	39,155.5	37,713.9	96

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. 3/ Red Meat is based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. 4/ Data not published to avoid disclosing individual operations. \* Revised.

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